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REGULATION TO CHECK MISUSE OF SURROGACY
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Will the Minister of WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government proposes to amend the "National Guidelines for Accreditation, Supervision and Regulation of Assisted Reproductive Technology (ART) in India" to curb misuse of surrogacy as organ trade;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the alternative steps taken/ being taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI RENUKA CHOWDHURY)

(a),(b)&(c) As per Indian Council of Medical Research the "National Guidelines for Accreditation, Supervision and Regulation of Assisted Reproductive Technology (ART) clinics in India" have been developed to supervise and regulate the Assisted Reproductive Technology (ART) clinics in India. In order to implement these guidelines in the country a draft Assisted Reproductive Technology (Regulation) Bill and Rules 2008 have been prepared and placed on the website of the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare at www.mohfw.nic.in for obtaining comments from various stakeholders.

Appropriate steps have been taken to curb misuse of Surrogacy. It is proposed to include additional provision in the draft ART Bill and Rules which were not available in the aforesaid National Guidelines.